

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claim 11 is amended in this RCE as previously proposed in a facsimile forwarded on February 20, 2006. Support for this amendment is described in that facsimile.

In the advisory action of February 2, 2006, the examiner stated that conditioned or compressed air is the environmental air.

The original instant application discloses on page 1, paragraph [0007], lines 1 and 2, discussing the drawing of atmospheric air as compared to use of combustion air from crankcase air pumping or a blower, page 1, paragraph [0004] lines 3 and 4; on page 1, paragraph [0009], line 1, discussing the blowerless principle utilized in the current invention; on page 1, paragraph [0032], lines 1 and 2, discussing fresh air being drawn into the cylinder through intake ports; on page 2, paragraph [0039], lines 1 through 4, discussing compressed air not required and discussing elimination of crankcase pumping of air or to eliminate a blower.

In the combustion engine industry it is understood the general term environmental air refers to the circumstances or conditions by which the engine is surrounded. This is the reason engines such as the two cited patents of Miller and Jonsson disclose as part of the engine a compression or pumping apparatus to create pressure conditions for air at the intake to the piston that have modified the environmental or existing air condition. Without such air pressure modification at the input to the combustion chamber engine performance would be degraded.

The instant invention does not use a compressor, pump or other apparatus to modify environmental air pressure conditions. The atmospheric air pressure is the engine environment and the air is not modified by a blower or other apparatus prior to intake into the combustion chamber. The unique configuration of the instant application retro-tube and engine operation allow use of environmental atmospheric pressure air that is not disclosed or anticipated by the cited art that requires pressure conditioned air. Claim 11 should be allowed.

It is believed with the clarifying remarks and the amendments that the uniqueness of the

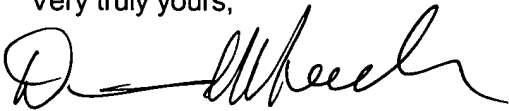
instant invention is not disclosed in the cited art. Accordingly it is believed that the rejections under 35 USC Section 102(b) have been overcome by amending claim 11 and the remarks, and withdrawal thereof is respectfully requested.

In view of the above, it is submitted that the claims are in condition for allowance. Reconsideration of the cause for rejections and objections is requested. Claim 14 has been allowed and claims 12 and 13 have been found allowable. Allowance of claim 11 is earnestly solicited.

No additional fee for claims is seen to be required. An extension is requested under 37 CFR § 1.17(a)(2) for two month to March 21, 2006 for a fee of \$225.00. The RCE fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(e) is \$395.00. A check in the amount of \$620.00 is enclosed with this request.

If you have any questions do not hesitate to contact me.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D. W. Beech", with a stylized flourish at the end.

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